



PROCLAMATION


- WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and
- WHEREAS,** all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; and positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends, family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable and that people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and
- WHEREAS,** all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and
- WHEREAS,** substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people received services for a mental health problem (*2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*); we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and
- WHEREAS,** to help more people achieve long-term recovery and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division invite all residents of Redmond to participate in *National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover*;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN MARCHIONE, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim September, 2012, as

National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover

in Redmond call upon the people of Redmond to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It!*"





John Marchione, Mayor


Date